



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 158**

February Session, 2018

Substitute Senate Bill No. 232

*Senate, April 3, 2018*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MARTIN of the 31st Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PERMITS FOR SPOUSES OF  
TRANSFERRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the  
2      provisions of section 10-146c and subsection (h) of section 10-145b of  
3      the general statutes, upon receipt of a proper application, the State  
4      Board of Education shall issue a military spouse teacher permit to any  
5      person who (1) is the spouse of any member of the armed forces, as  
6      defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, which member has  
7      received military orders directing such member to the state, and (2)  
8      has taught under an appropriate certificate issued by another state,  
9      territory or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia  
10     or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for two or more years. Any  
11     person issued a military spouse teacher permit shall be exempt from  
12     completing the teacher education and mentoring program, established  
13     pursuant to section 10-145o of the general statutes. An applicant who  
14     has successfully completed a teacher preparation program or an

15 alternate route to certification program in another state, territory or  
16 possession of the United States or the District of Columbia or the  
17 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and holds an appropriate certificate  
18 issued by another state, territory or possession of the United States or  
19 the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall not  
20 be required to complete a course of study in special education,  
21 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-145b of the general statutes.  
22 Each military spouse teacher permit shall be valid for three years and  
23 may be renewed by the Commissioner of Education for good cause  
24 upon the request of the superintendent of schools for the district  
25 employing such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2018 | New section |
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The title was changed.

**VA**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes procedural changes to the process of issuing various teacher permits, has no fiscal impact as the State Department of Education has the staff and expertise necessary to issue teacher permits.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 232*****AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PERMITS FOR SPOUSES OF TRANSFERRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, to issue a “military spouse teacher permit” to certain military spouses who have taught for at least two years under an appropriate certificate issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. territory or possession, or Puerto Rico. The bill applies to the spouse of any member of the armed forces who has received military orders to come to Connecticut.

“Armed forces” means the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions).

Under the bill, a military spouse teacher permit:

1. exempts the teacher from completing the Connecticut teacher education and mentoring program;
2. is valid for three years; and
3. may be renewed by the Education commissioner for good cause upon the request of the superintendent for the school district employing the teacher.

The bill also exempts certain military spouse teacher permit applicants from state law’s requirement to complete a course of study in special education. This exemption applies to applicants who successfully completed a teacher preparation program or an alternate

route to certification program in, and hold an appropriate certificate issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. territory or possession, or Puerto Rico.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Related Law***

By law, teachers may receive a nonrenewable temporary certificate if they graduated from a teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university in another state and meet the certification requirements, excluding successful completion of the competency examination and subject matter assessment. The certificate is generally valid for one year (CGS § 10-145f(c)).

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    14    Nay   0    (03/14/2018)